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1. DURING CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY SISCO ON FEBRUARY 25,
IRISH AMBASSADOR MOLLOY REFERRED TO "DE-NATIONALIZED ARAB"
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FORMULA RECENTLY ADOPTED BY EC. HE SAID THAT FOLLOWING APPROVAL

BY ALL EC GOVERNMENTS, THE FORMULA WAS FORMALLY PRESENTED BY THE IRISH IN CAIRO ON FEBRUARY 24, AND BY THE ITALIANS IN BEIRUT ON FEBRUARY 25. ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR, THERE HAS AS YET BEEN NO OFFICIAL ARAB REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL.

2. AMBASSADOR MOLLOY SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT THE SECRETARY HAD EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS TO FOREIGN SECRETARY FITZGERALD REGARDING THIS FORMULA AT THEIR MEETING IN PARIS ON FEBRUARY 18. THE EC MEMBERS STILL BELIEVE, NEVERTHELESS, THAT THE PLO WILL NOT SEEK A CONFRONTATION IN THIS CONTEXT, KNOWING THAT IF THEY DO, THEY WILL BE MET BY A UNANIMOUS REITERATION OF NON-RECOGNITION BY THE EC.

3. SISCO REPLIED THAT OUR POSITION HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE CLEAR BY THE SECRETARY. FOR EXAMPLE, WE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE EC COULD EXPECT ANY DEALINGS WITH THE PLO, EVEN AT THE EXPERT LEVEL AND IN SUB-GROUPS, TO BE ANYTHING OTHER THAN POLITICAL.

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